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*The Regional  
Economic Development Programme  
and  
The Regional  
Development Associations*

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In 1953 the Ontario Government introduced a new Regional Economic Development Programme, and the Trade and Industry Branch of the Department of Planning and Development was authorized to act for the Government as a whole in introducing, organizing and carrying forward the programme.

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# THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Regional Economic Development Programme was designed to aid the economic growth of Ontario through analysis, planning and co-ordinated direction on a regional basis of all phases of development. The rapid and continuing expansion of the Province's economy has made this long-range planning necessary.

The Programme, based on nine eco-

nomic regions designated by the Government of Ontario, is broad in its scope, in order that it might be adapted by the people themselves to meet the needs of their own particular regions, and that municipal, regional and provincial activities may be co-ordinated to support the economic development of the Province as a whole.

## ORGANIZATION

The Programme has been founded on the following basic principle — not to replace, but to co-ordinate the local initiative of the people who are directly concerned in their efforts to plan their own growth on a long-range basis.

In general the designated nine regions in the Province are in accordance with the Provincial and Federal Governments' present grouping of counties and districts for statistical purposes. Conferences, attended by representatives of municipal councils, industrial commissions, planning boards, Chambers of Commerce or Boards of Trade and other interested groups, are organized within each region by the Trade and Industry Branch in order to introduce all aspects of the Programme.

If a majority of municipalities within a region are willing to participate and assume the responsibilities, a Regional Development Association is formed.

The Associations are incorporated under the Ontario Corporation Act, 1953, and each Association has a Board of Directors representing the contributing municipalities in the region concerned. Due to their size, individual

regions are divided into zones, and each zone has a zone committee elected by the contributing municipalities in the zone area. At least one-half of each zone committee must consist of members from municipal councils. The remainder can consist of members of other interested development organizations, or of manufacturers and businessmen. The zone committees elect from their own membership the directors who serve on the Board of Directors of each Association. In addition each Board of Directors includes a member appointed by the Director of the Trade and Industry Branch as a liaison between that particular Association and the Provincial Government. Mr. J. E. Turnbull, a Chief Consultant of the Trade and Industry Branch, is the Government's appointee to the Board of each Association.

A Regional Development Association is required under the charter to establish offices within its particular region and to employ a full-time general manager. Each Association is empowered to take an active interest in all phases of development within the region, including

industrial development, community planning, tourism, agriculture, mining, highways, and education, etc.

The Provincial Government supports the establishment of the Associations by holding all organizational conferences

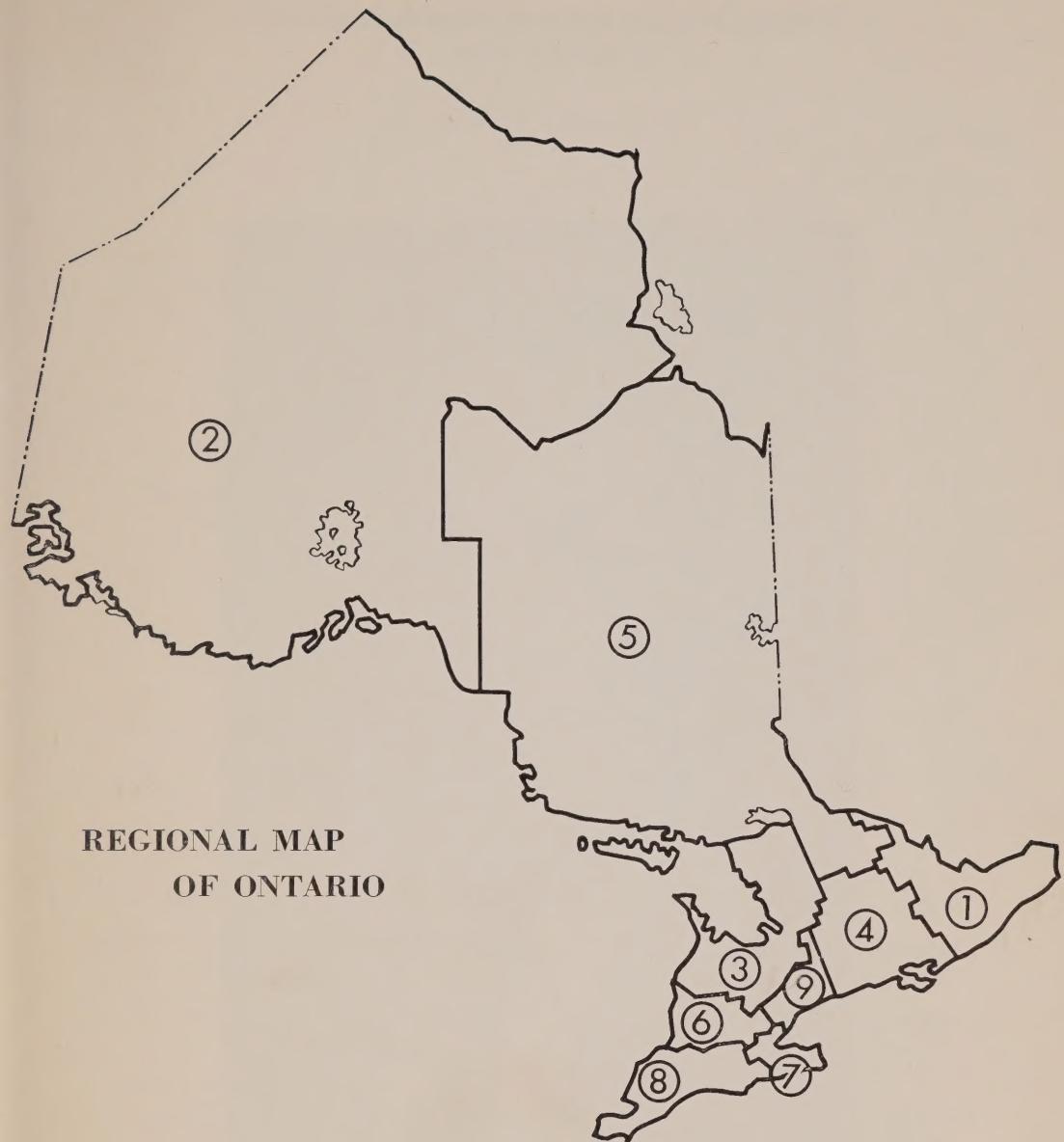
and contributing \$10,000 annually, for an initial period of three years, providing that the majority of the municipalities within each region undertake to contribute at least an equal amount.

## PROGRESS

The Programme has been implemented in several regions in the Province and will continue to be introduced. The nine regions are described and the Associations presently established are outlined in the following pages.

The Associations presently operating are concerned with many phases of

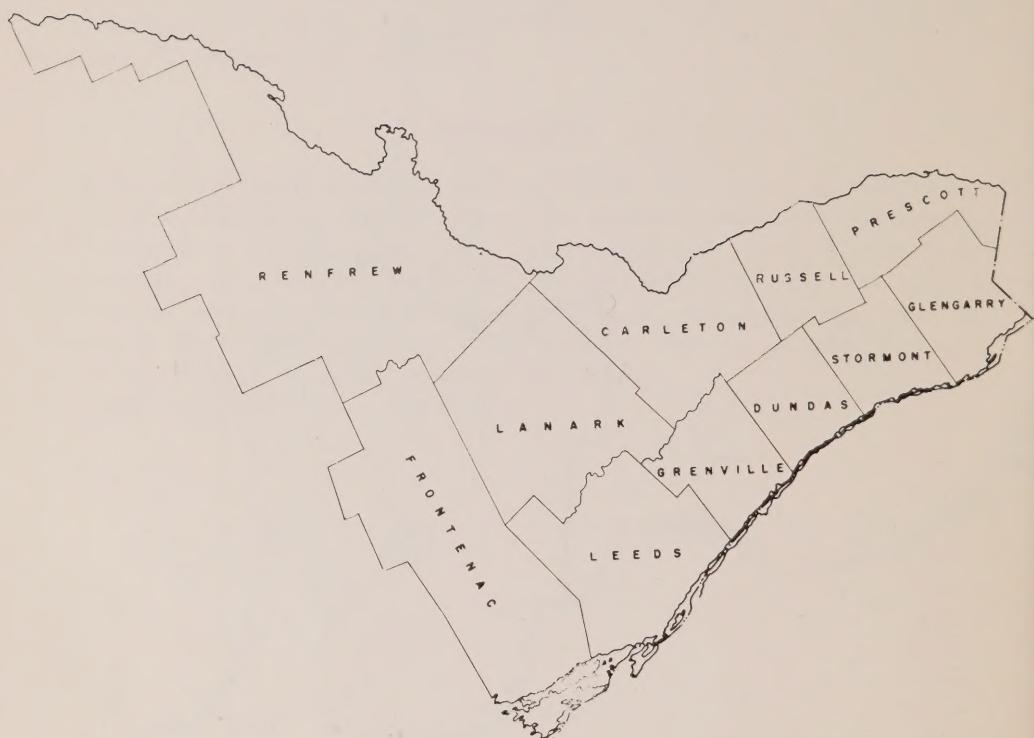
economic development in their respective regions. Industrial Development has proved to be of major interest and the General Managers of the Associations work closely with the Trade and Industry Branch of the Provincial Government.



## REGIONAL MAP OF ONTARIO

NAME OF REGION	NUMBER OF REGION	NAME OF REGION	NUMBER OF REGION
Eastern Ontario.....	1	Mid-Western Ontario.....	6
Northwestern Ontario.....	2	Niagara.....	7
Georgian Bay.....	3	Southwestern Ontario.....	8
Lake Ontario.....	4	Metropolitan.....	9
Northeastern Ontario.....	5		

# THE EASTERN ONTARIO REGION



The urban municipalities and counties in the Region are as follows:

## FRONTENAC COUNTY

Kingston

## CARLETON COUNTY

Ottawa  
Eastview

Richmond  
Rockcliffe Park

## LANARK COUNTY

Smith's Falls  
Almonte  
Carleton Place

Perth  
Lanark

## LEEDS AND GRENVILLE COUNTIES

Brockville  
Gananoque  
Prescott  
Athens  
Cardinal

Kemptville  
Merrickville  
Newboro  
Westport

## PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL COUNTIES

Hawkesbury	Alfred
Rockland	Casselman
Vankleek Hill	L'Original

## RENFREW COUNTY

Arnprior	Chalk River
Pembroke	Cobden
Renfrew	Eganville
Barry's Bay	Killaloe Station
Braeside	

## STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY COUNTIES

Cornwall	Lancaster
Alexandria	Maxville
Chesterville	Morrisburg
Finch	Winchester
Iroquois	

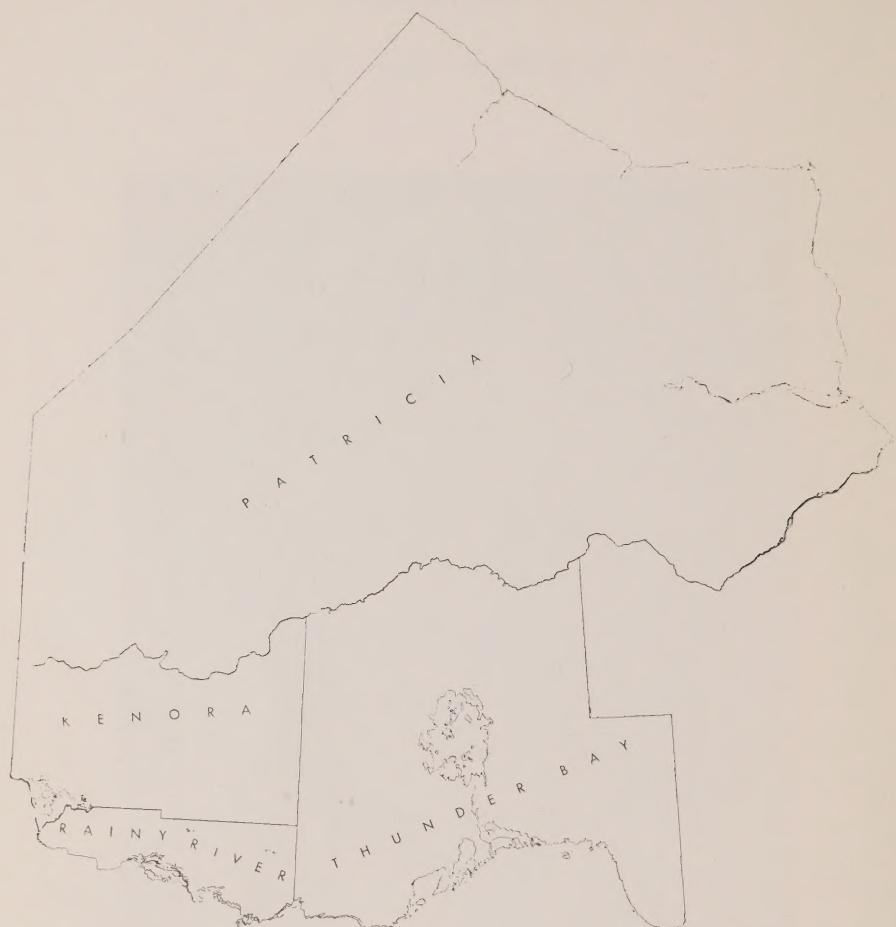
**THE EASTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

(Established—June, 1954)



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# THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO REGION



The urban municipalities and districts in the Region are as follows:

## DISTRICTS OF KENORA AND PATRICIA

### *Towns:*

Dryden	Kenora
Keewatin	Sioux Lookout

### *Improvement Districts:*

Balmertown	Sioux Narrows
Red Lake	

## DISTRICT OF RAINY RIVER

### *Towns:*

Fort Frances	Rainy River
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### *Improvement Districts:*

Kingsford	
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## DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY

### *Cities:*

Fort William	Port Arthur
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### *Towns:*

Geraldton	
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### *Improvement Districts:*

Beardmore	Marathon
Dorion	Red Rock
Longlac	Terrace Bay
Manitouwadge	

THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATION

(Established—March, 1955)



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# THE GEORGIAN BAY REGION



The urban municipalities, counties and districts in the Region are as follows:

## BRUCE COUNTY

Chesley	Lucknow
Kincardine	Mildmay
Port Elgin	Paisley
Southampton	Ripley
Walkerton	Tara
Wiarton	Teeswater
Hepworth	Tiverton
Lion's Head	

## SIMCOE COUNTY

Alliston	Bradford
Barrie	Coldwater
Collingwood	Creemore
Midland	Elmvale
Orillia	Port McNicoll
Penetanguishene	Tottenham
Stayner	Victoria Harbour
Beeton	Wasaga Beach

## DUFFERIN COUNTY

Orangeville	Shelburne
Grand Valley	

## DISTRICT OF MUSKOKA

Bala	Port Carling
Bracebridge	Port Sydney
Gravenhurst	Windermere
Huntsville	

## GREY COUNTY

Owen Sound	Dundalk
Durham	Flesherton
Hanover	Markdale
Meaford	Neustadt
Thornbury	Shallow Lake
Chatsworth	

## DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

Kearney	Magnetawan
Parry Sound	Rosseau
Powassan	South River
Trout Creek	Sundridge
Burk's Falls	

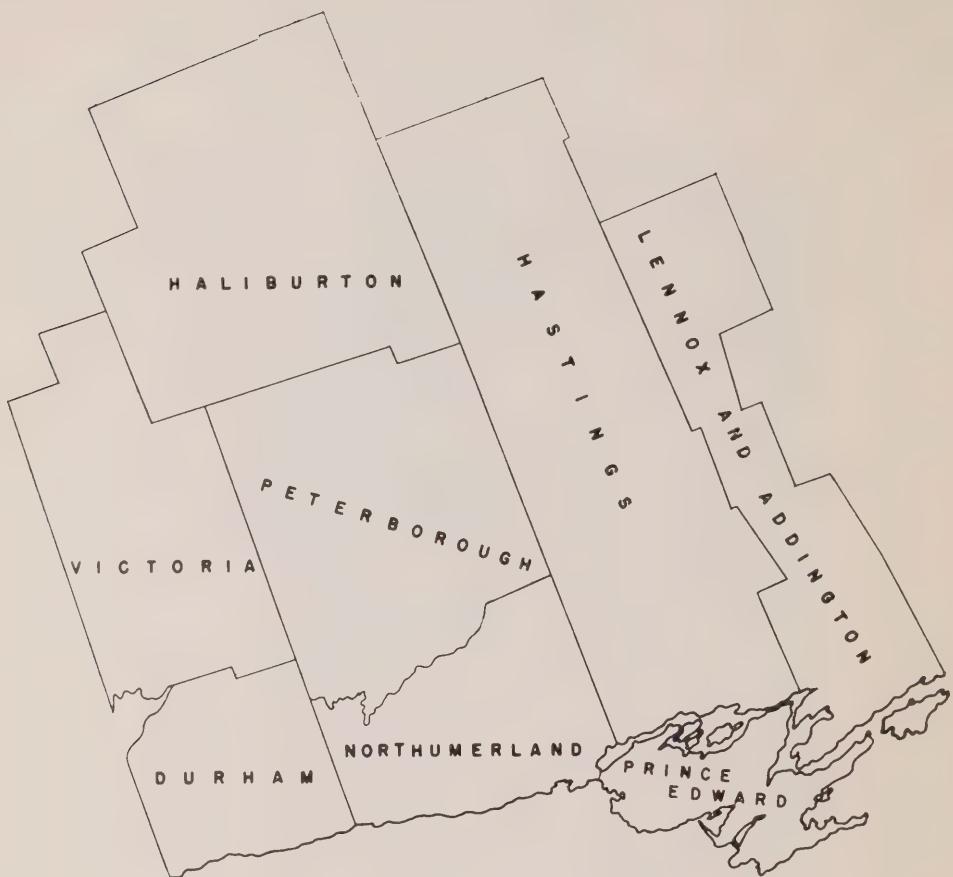
**THE GEORGIAN BAY DEVELOPMENT  
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# THE LAKE ONTARIO REGION



The urban municipalities and counties in the Region are as follows:

## HALIBURTON COUNTY

## HASTINGS COUNTY

Belleville	Frankford
Trenton	Madoc
Deseronto	Marmora
Bancroft	Stirling
Deloro	Tweed

## NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM COUNTIES

Bowmanville	Colborne
Campbellford	Hastings
Cobourg	Millbrook
Port Hope	Newcastle
Brighton	

## LENNOX AND ADDINGTON COUNTIES

Napanee	Newburgh
Bath	

## PETERBOROUGH COUNTY

Peterborough	Lakefield
Havelock	Norwood

## PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Picton	Wellington
Bloomfield	

## VICTORIA COUNTY

Lindsay	Omemee
Bobcaygeon	Sturgeon Point
Fenelon Falls	Woodville

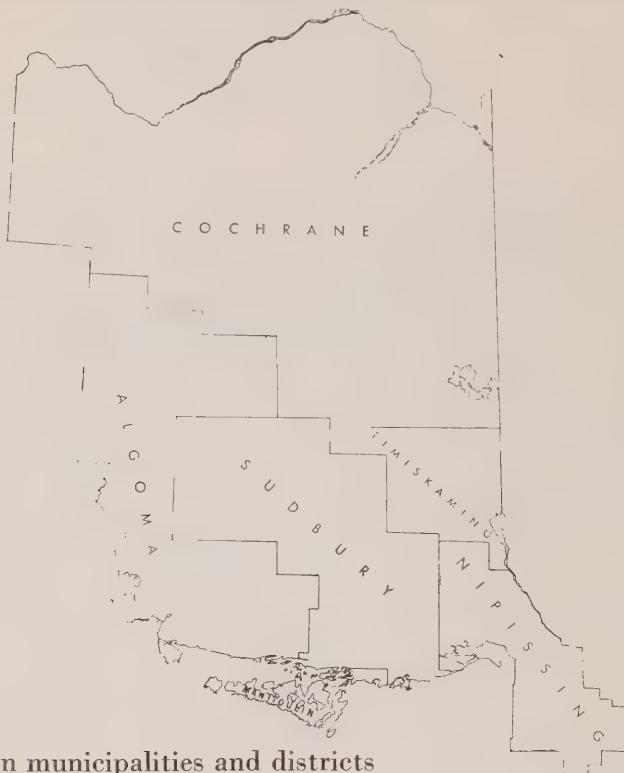
**THE LAKE ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT  
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(Established—May, 1955)



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# THE NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO REGION



The urban municipalities and districts in the Region are as follows:

## DISTRICT OF ALGOMA

### Towns:

Sault Ste. Marie	Nesterville
Blind River	Thessalon
Bruce Mines	Hilton Beach

### Improvement Districts:

Elliot Lake

## DISTRICT OF SUDBURY

### Towns:

Sudbury	Frood Mine
Capreol	Levack
Chelmsford	Lively
Coniston	Massey
Copper Cliff	Webbwood

### Improvement Districts:

Onaping Renabie

## DISTRICT OF NIPISSING

### Towns:

North Bay	Mattawa
Bonfield	Sturgeon Falls
Cache Bay	

### Improvement Districts:

Cameron

## DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN

### Towns:

Gore Bay	Little Current
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## DISTRICT OF TIMISKAMING

### Towns:

Charlton	Latchford
Cobalt	New Liskeard
Englehart	Thornloe
Haileybury	Kirkland Lake

### Improvement Districts:

Gauthier	McGarry
Kingham	

## DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

### Towns:

Cochrane	Matheson
Hearst	Smooth Rock
Iroquois Falls	Falls
Kapuskasing	Timmins

### Improvement Districts:

Kendry	Val Albert
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**THE NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

(Established--June, 1955)



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## THE MID-WESTERN ONTARIO REGION



The urban municipalities and counties in the Region are as follows:

### HURON COUNTY

Clinton	Wingham
Exeter	Blyth
Goderich	Brussels
Seaforth	Hensall

### WELLINGTON COUNTY

Guelph	Arthur
Fergus	Clifford
Harriston	Drayton
Mount Forest	Elora
Palmerston	Erin

### PERTH COUNTY

Stratford	Mitchell
St. Mary's	Milverton
Listowel	

### WATERLOO COUNTY

Galt	Preston
Kitchener	Ayr
Waterloo	Bridgeport
Elmira	New Hamburg
Hespeler	

**THE MID-WESTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

(Established—April, 1956)



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## THE NIAGARA REGION



The urban municipalities and counties in the Region are as follows:

## BRANT COUNTY

## HALDIMAND COUNTY

Dunnville	Hagersville
Caledonia	Jarvis
Cayuga	

**HALTON COUNTY  
(NELSON TOWNSHIP ONLY)**

Burlington  
**WENTWORTH COUNTY**  
Hamilton      Stoney Creek

## LINCOLN COUNTY

St. Catharines Niagara  
Grimsby Port Dalhousie  
Merritton Beamsville

## WELLAND COUNTY

Niagara Falls	Thorold
Welland	Chippawa
Fort Erie	Crystal Beach
Port Colborne	Fonthill

# THE SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO REGION



The urban municipalities and counties in the Region are as follows:

## ESSEX COUNTY

Windsor	La Salle
Riverside	Leamington
Amherstburg	Ojibway
Essex	Tecumseh
Harrow	Belle River
Kingsville	St. Clair Beach

## LAMBTON COUNTY

Sarnia	Grand Bend
Forest	Oil Springs
Petrolia	Point Edward
Alvinston	Thedford
Arkona	Watford
Courtright	Wyoming

## KENT COUNTY

Chatham	Wallaceburg
Blenheim	Erieau
Bothwell	Erie Beach
Dresden	Highgate
Ridgetown	Thamesville
Tilbury	Wheatley

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY

London	Glencoe
Parkhill	Lucan
Strathroy	Newbury
Ailsa Craig	Wardsville

## OXFORD COUNTY

Woodstock	Embroy
Ingersoll	Norwich
Tillsonburg	Tavistock

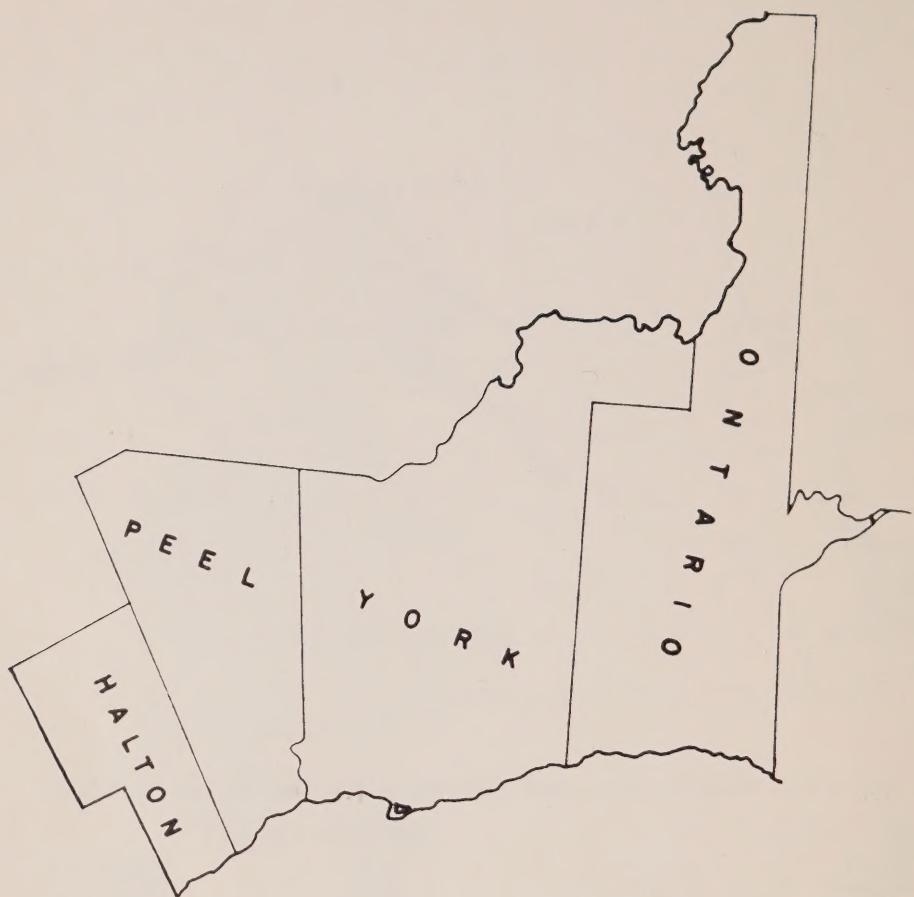
## ELGIN COUNTY

St. Thomas	Rodney
Aylmer	Springfield
Dutton	Vienna
Port Burwell	West Lorne
Port Stanley	

## NORFOLK COUNTY

Delhi	Port Rowan
Port Dover	Waterford
Simcoe	

## THE METROPOLITAN REGION



The urban municipalities and counties in the Region are as follows:

### HALTON COUNTY (EXCLUDING NELSON TOWNSHIP)

Acton	Oakville
Georgetown	Bronte
Milton	

### PEEL COUNTY

Brampton	Port Credit
Bolton	Streetsville

### ONTARIO COUNTY

Oshawa	Beaverton
Ajax	Cannington
Uxbridge	Pickering
Whitby	Port Perry

### YORK COUNTY

Aurora	Stouffville
Newmarket	Sutton
Markham	Woodbridge
Richmond Hill	

### *Metropolitan Toronto:*

Toronto	Weston
Leaside	Forest Hill
Mimico	Long Branch
New Toronto	Swansea



